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 $\P 1.$ (U) Child and forced labor is rare in Italy, and the GoI investigates and prosecutes the few cases of apparent forced labor when they arise. Minors aged 14 and above can be legally employed. According to the latest government statistics, 275,000 people aged 15 to 19 were employed in <u>1</u>2003. SPOGLI